

AS

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 96-195-C - ORDER NO. 97-129  
FEBRUARY 18, 1997

IN RE: Application of RRV Enterprises, Inc. ) ORDER  
DBA Consumer Access for a Certificate ) APPROVING  
of Public Convenience and Necessity ) CERTIFICATE  
to Provide Intrastate Resold Tele- )  
communications Services in )  
South Carolina. )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") by way of the Application of RRV Enterprises, Inc. DBA Consumer Access ("RRV" or the "Company") requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing it to operate as a reseller of intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the State of South Carolina. The Company's Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-280 (Supp. 1995) and the Regulations of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina.

The Commission's Executive Director instructed RRV to publish, one time, a prepared Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the affected areas. The purpose of the Notice of Filing was to inform interested parties of RRV's Application and of the manner and time in which to file the appropriate pleadings for participation in the proceeding. RRV complied with this instruction and provided the Commission with

proof of publication of the Notice of Filing. No Petitions to Intervene or letters of protest were received by the Commission regarding RRV's Application.

A hearing was commenced on January 16, 1997, at 11:30 a.m., in the Commission's Hearing Room. The Honorable Guy Butler, Chairman, presided. RRV was represented by Robert D. Coble, Esquire, and Faye A. Flowers, Esquire. Catherine D. Taylor, Staff Counsel, represented the Commission Staff.

Scott Moster, President of RRV, appeared and offered testimony in support of RRV's Application. Mr. Moster stated that RRV is a Texas corporation which is registered to do business in South Carolina as a foreign corporation. According to Mr. Moster, RRV proposes to offer long distance services using resold transmission services of carriers certificated to carry traffic in South Carolina. Specifically, the Company seeks to initially offer 800 service and travel card services. Mr. Moster explained the Company's request for authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Carolina as a reseller. The record reveals the Company's services, operations and marketing procedures.

Mr. Moster also explained that RRV possesses the technical, financial and managerial abilities to provide its services in South Carolina. Mr. Moster offered that approval of RRV's Application would increase the level of long distance competition in South Carolina, would expand subscriber awareness of options and services, and would encourage growth and success of

competitive services. During witness examination, Mr. Moster stated that the Company had previously completed intrastate calls in South Carolina. The estimated intrastate revenues collected by the Company is approximately \$3,000. Mr. Moster stated that the Company's completion of these calls was inadvertent, and he therefore requested that the Commission waive the requirement of repayment of the revenues if deemed appropriate.

After full consideration of the applicable law, the Company's Application, and the evidence presented at the hearing, the Commission hereby issues its findings of fact and conclusions of law:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. RRV is incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas and is licensed to do business as a foreign corporation in the State of South Carolina by the Secretary of State.
2. RRV operates as a non-facilities based reseller of interexchange services and wishes to provide its services in South Carolina.
3. RRV has the experience, capability, and financial resources to provide the services as described in its Application.
4. RRV has completed approximately \$3,000 in revenues of intrastate calls in South Carolina prior to its certification.
5. RRV plans to initially market its services through the use of a "box program" and related contests.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Based on the above findings of fact, the Commission

determines that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity should be granted to RRV to provide intrastate interLATA service and to originate and terminate toll traffic within the same LATA, as set forth herein, through the resale of intrastate Wide Area Telecommunications Services (WATS), Message Telecommunications Service (MTS), Foreign Exchange Service, Private Line Service, or any other services authorized for resale by tariffs of carriers approved by the Commission.

2. The Commission adopts a rate design for RRV for its resale services which includes only maximum rate levels for each tariff charge. A rate structure incorporating maximum rate levels with the flexibility for adjustment below the maximum rate levels has been previously adopted by the Commission. In Re: Application of GTE Sprint Communications Corporation, etc., Order No. 84-622, issued in Docket No. 84-10-C (August 2, 1984).

3. RRV shall not adjust its rates below the approved maximum level without notice to the Commission and to the public. RRV shall file its proposed rate changes, publish its notice of such changes, and file affidavits of publication with the Commission two weeks prior to the effective date of the changes. However, the public notice requirement is waived, and therefore not required, for reductions below the maximum cap in instances which do not affect the general body of subscribers or do not constitute a general rate reduction. In Re: Application of GTE Sprint Communications, etc., Order No. 93-638, issued in Docket No. 84-10-C (July 16, 1993). Any proposed increase in the maximum

rate level reflected in the tariff which would be applicable to the general body of the Company's subscribers shall constitute a general ratemaking proceeding and will be treated in accordance with the notice and hearing provisions of S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-540 (Supp. 1995).

4. RRV shall file its revised maximum tariff and an accompanying price list within thirty (30) days of the date of receipt of this Order. The revised tariff shall be consistent with the findings of this Order and shall be consistent with the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

5. RRV is subject to access charges pursuant to Commission Order No. 86-584, in which the Commission determined that for access purposes resellers should be treated similarly to facilities-based interexchange carriers.

6. With regard to the Company's resale of service, an end-user should be able to access another interexchange carrier or operator service provider if the end-user so desires.

7. RRV shall resell the services of only those interexchange carriers or LECs authorized to do business in South Carolina by this Commission. If RRV changes underlying carriers, it shall notify the Commission in writing.

8. With regard to the origination and termination of toll calls within the same LATA, RRV shall comply with the terms of Order No. 93-462, Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement, in Docket Nos. 92-182-C, 92-183-C, and 92-200-C (June 3, 1993).

9. RRV shall file surveillance reports on a calendar or

fiscal year basis with the Commission as required by Order No. 88-178 in Docket No. 87-483-C. The proper form for these reports is indicated on Attachment A.

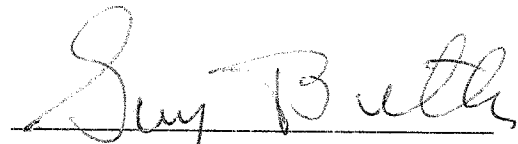
10. The Company shall, in compliance with Commission regulations, designate and maintain an authorized utility representative who is prepared to discuss, on a regulatory level, customer relations (complaint) matters, engineering operations, tests and repairs. In addition, the Company shall provide to the Commission in writing the name of the authorized representative to be contacted in connection with general management duties as well as emergencies which occur during non-office hours. RRV shall file the names, addresses and telephone numbers of these representatives with the Commission within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order. Further, the Company shall promptly notify the Commission in writing if the representatives are replaced, and the Company is directed to comply with the Commission regulations unless waived by the Commission.

11. The Commission hereby waives the requirement of refund of the approximate \$3,000 of revenues collected from the completion of intrastate calls in South Carolina.

12. The Commission Staff is ordered to closely monitor this Company's activities since RRV plans to utilize a box program for marketing.

13. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

(SEAL)

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ATTACHMENT A

ANNUAL INFORMATION ON SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATIONS  
FOR INTEREXCHANGE COMPANIES AND AOS'S

COMPANY NAME

FEI NO.

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

- (1) SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATING REVENUES FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING  
DECEMBER 31 OR FISCAL YEAR ENDING \_\_\_\_\_.
- (2) SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING  
DECEMBER 31 OR FISCAL YEAR ENDING \_\_\_\_\_.
- (3) RATE BASE INVESTMENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATIONS\* FOR 12  
MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31 OR FISCAL YEAR ENDING \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* THIS WOULD INCLUDE GROSS PLANT, ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION,  
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES, CASH WORKING CAPITAL, CONSTRUCTION  
WORK IN PROGRESS, ACCUMULATED DEFERRED INCOME TAX,  
CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION AND CUSTOMER DEPOSITS.
- (4) PARENT'S CAPITAL STRUCTURE\* AT DECEMBER 31 OR FISCAL YEAR  
ENDING \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* THIS WOULD INCLUDE ALL LONG TERM DEBT (NOT THE CURRENT PORTION  
PAYABLE), PREFERRED STOCK AND COMMON EQUITY.
- (5) PARENT'S EMBEDDED COST PERCENTAGE (%) FOR LONG TERM DEBT AND  
EMBEDDED COST PERCENTAGE (%) FOR PREFERRED STOCK AT YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31 OR FISCAL YEAR ENDING \_\_\_\_\_.
- (6) ALL DETAILS ON THE ALLOCATION METHOD USED TO DETERMINE THE  
AMOUNT OF EXPENSES ALLOCATED TO SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATIONS AS  
WELL AS METHOD OF ALLOCATION OF COMPANY'S RATE BASE INVESTMENT  
(SEE #3 ABOVE).

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